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STUDY ON AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the study reports conducted by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in the country during the past three years;

(b) whether the CPCB has decided to review ambient air quality standards in various parts of the country in view of growing impact of air pollution on health of residents;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether more strict pollution control measures would be enforced in various parts of the country to check air pollution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has conducted several studies in the field of air pollution monitoring and control and published reports which, inter alia, include areas like Polycylic aeromatic hydro carbons in air, alternative transport fuel, national ambient air quality status, environmental standards for emissions, etc.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Air quality standards to control pollution are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the health risk due to air pollution. In this context, a project has been awarded to Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

(d) & (e) A number of steps have been taken to control air pollution from various sources. These include -

- Implementation of Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection in respect of 17 categories of industries.
- Enforcement of auto exhaust emission standards for new vehicles at manufacturing stage.
- Improved fuel quality.
- Use of beneficiated coal in the thermal power stations.
- Notification of source specific emission standards for generator sets, firecrackers and other industries.